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: AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-44 were pending in the instant Application and imposed a Restriction Requirement on said Claims 1-44. Specifically, the Examiner adopted the position that Claims 1-16 (Group I) were drawn to a first invention, and that Claims 17-44 (Group II) were drawn to a second, distinct invention.

It is submitted, however, that only Claims 1-16 are pending in the instant Application. In the Preliminary Amendment filed December 16, 2003, and contemporaneously with the filing of the instant Application, Claims 17-44 were listed as being canceled. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is provided herewith.

It is further noted that on July 28, 2004, Applicants filed a Second Preliminary Amendment in which Claims 1-16 remained pending and Claims 17-44 remained canceled. A courtesy copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment is also provided herewith.

It is thus submitted that the instant Restriction Requirement is improvidently imposed. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is thus respectfully requested. If any matters remain unresolved, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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